

Warns About Schools

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS) — Clergymen who advocate religious teaching in public schools were chided here by a Baptist leader.

Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson of Washington, D. C., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, said more and more clergymen are saying that public schools must teach religion to save our way of life, "but each seems to be quite unaware that his suggestion is the surest way to re-

duce the influence of the churches and the vitality of faith and remove us from our free tradition."

The Baptist leader said country after country has demonstrated that compulsory religious instruction carried on by "uncommitted" teachers is the "most effective inoculation against vital religious experience."

Addresses POAU
Dr. Carlson addressed the 10th national conference of

Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. His topic was "Religion and Values in Public Education."

Public schools teach the "traditional and predominant values of American life," Dr. Carlson said. "They do not teach the values of the church, 18th century Europe, Judaism or those of a score of special-interest groups that would like to use these schools for their purposes."

"I submit to you that this is as it should be," he declared. "If we were to deprive our nation of the right to hand down the legacy of its growing culture we would terminate the life of our nation."

He warned that if "parochialism wins out and 257 religious groups proceed to produce citizens according to their own notions, the coherence of the nation would be dissolved."

Declaring that public schools are "part and parcel of our lives," Dr. Carlson pointed out that they are not godless unless we are a godless generation.

God in Institutions
"If the American people are

a godly people, then God is in their institutions also," he said. A child does not need just one education from one institution, he said, but two or three educations from as many institutions. The family, church and State must all join in educating the child, he added.

But he warned that none of the three must be given a monopoly over the education of the next generation.

"Not one or the other, but all three must rise to the new demands for a generation of greater spiritual, intellectual and social competence than the world has yet known," he said.



JONES TO RETIRE—Dallas, Texas—Dr. R. S. Jones, Investment Director of the Relief and Annuity Board, will retire at the Annual Board Meeting, March 4 and 5. He holds a record of 37 years of service to the Baptist denomination.

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'Forward' Plan Results Good

The first 32 churches in the state reporting on their Forward Program of Church Finance campaigns held in the Fall have revealed tremendous advances in church finances.

Dr. Joe T. Odle, associate executive secretary, in releasing the results, pointed to the 41% average increase in the budgets of the churches.

The budgets of the 32 churches for 1958 total \$1,907,741.27, an increase of \$556,828.51 or 41% over the \$1,350,912.76 which was the amount of the budgets for 1957.

The 32 churches will give \$337,391.90 to the Cooperative Pro-

gram during 1958, an increase of \$117,313.39 or 53% over the \$220,078.51 given in 1957.

Amount Pledged Up
The amount pledged by these churches for 1958 is \$1,647,762.17, a gain of 95% or \$802,675.68 over the amount pledged in 1957.

The total number of pledges for 1958 showed a gain of 104%. The number of persons pledging in 1958 was 15,040 as against 7,384 making pledges in 1957.

Another tremendous gain was registered in the number of persons tithing. A total of 8,778 pledged to tithe in 1958 compared to only 4,332 in 1957, or a gain of 103%.

Dr. Odle revealed that about 140 churches had received Forward Program material from the Executive Committee in Nashville and he assumed that most of these churches used the program during the fall.

Many churches that have used the Forward Program this last fall have not made a report and these are urged to do so in order that results can be compiled, Dr. Odle said.

The 32 churches in the survey already made follow:

Moorhead, Winona, First; Pascagoula, Eastlawn; Laurel, Wildwood; Natchez, Immanuel; Holly Springs, First; Jackson,

Ridgecrest; Ruleville, First; Jackson, Southside; Jackson, Crestwood;

Meridian, First; Jackson, Oak Forest; Jackson, Alta Woods; Lena; Taylor; Oxford, First; Forest; Crowder; Laurel, First; Grenada, First; Tupelo, Harrisburg; Harpersville; Jackson, Hillcrest; Jackson, West View; Natchez, First; Mendenhall, First; Sunflower; Corinth, Tate St.; Tupelo, Calvary; Vicksburg, Trinity; Carthage, First; Morton, First; and Greenville, Parkview.

The Forward Program of Church Finance is one of the latest and most successful of Southern Baptist ventures.

It came into being as a result of a felt need for a definite uniform plan of church finance for Southern Baptist churches.

The plan has been adopted by the Southern Convention and was perfected through several years of study by various state and Southern Baptist leaders.

Mississippi was the locale of one of the very first test or "pilot" campaigns of the program.

A group of churches in Hinds County put on the "pilot" campaign during the fall of 1956. These tests were eminently successful as were others conducted later.

The results obtained by the churches using the Forward Program have been substantial, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, who was one of the state leaders in on the plans for the program from the very beginning.

The executive secretaries of the various states played a major role in perfecting the final draft of the program.

Although many Southern Baptist churches have previously used parts of the Forward Program this is the first time Southern Baptists have projected a complete, unified local church stewardship program.

First Course To Be At Kittiwake

MEMPHIS — (BP) — The Royal Ambassador office here reports "an entirely new approach" to qualifying boy leaders in the field of campcraft will be offered in 1959.

The first Royal Ambassador Campcraft Certification Course will be held at Kittiwake Baptist Assembly in Mississippi. Dates for the course are Apr. 19-25, 1959.

Emphasis will be placed on the following: food and cooking, fire, tools, nature and conservation, trips, camping gear, and use of maps and compass. Missionary education will be emphasized throughout the course. Missionaries will be present to work with the camp. Every opportunity will be made to provide group experience in the out-of-doors. Skills, as well as methods of organization, will be stressed.

Instructors Ready
Instructors for the course will be Gunnar Peterson, professor at George Williams College, Chicago, and Frank Black, assistant Brotherhood secretary, Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

Total fee for the camp is \$55, which includes room, board, insurance, and instructional materials. Interested persons may write their state Brotherhood departments for further information.

Royal Ambassadors is an organization for Southern Baptist Convention boys in intermediate and junior ages. It stresses missions and other Christian work.

Tax Laws Eyed

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — The House Ways and Means Committee was urged here to curtail tax exemption for churches and religious groups when they operate commercial business enterprises.

George W. McKeag, solicitor for the Foundation of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, and Paul Blanshard, special counsel for Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, warned that churches should not be given special tax advantages under the American free enterprise system to engage in competitive business ventures.

The House Ways and Means Committee is considering a comprehensive revision of the Internal Revenue Code to close loopholes and eliminate inequities.

Presbyterians Act
Mr. McKeag read to the Congressmen a resolution adopted by the 169th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA at Omaha, Nebr., in May, 1957, which said that it is unethical of churches to take advantage of a tax loophole which permits them to escape entirely federal taxes on business activity unrelated to their spiritual or social ministry.

While Presbyterians believe that churches should continue to enjoy the traditional exemptions, accorded them as charitable bodies, he said, they feel that churches should not compete in non-church business activities with private businesses that do not enjoy the advantage of tax exemption.

Mr. Blanshard told the committee that exemption from unrelated business tax violates separation of Church and State. "If a Church steps out so far from its accepted moral and spiritual role in our society as to compete with private business in the race for commercial profits," he declared, "then we believe it should be compelled to pay taxes on those profits as any other business is compelled to pay."

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Delta Draws Meet

The Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference adjourned at Noon on Wednesday of last week after hearing that 675 had registered and that next year's conference would be held at Clarksdale Feb. 9-11.

Attendance at the Gulfport conference this year while good, was not quite up to expectations because of inclement weather and dangerous highway conditions in many parts of the state on Monday.

The invitation to meet at Clarksdale came from the Riverside Baptist Association which said that the Clarksdale Baptist churches and the city auditorium would be available for the sessions.

Passes Meeting Around
The Executive Committee of the Convention Board in making the decision to accept the Clarksdale invitation, said it was done in order to "pass the conference around" over the state each year as much as possible.

Invitations had come from two other communities, according to Dr. John W. Landrum, chairman of the committee. Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary was prevented from attending the conference due to an attack of flu.

W. C. Morgan, state music secretary, had charge of the music. Dr. Landrum P. Leavell

served as host pastor.

"During 1958 the 30,800 Southern Baptist churches will conduct 50,000 revivals, with most of them conducting two during the year," Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, of Dallas, told the group.

Dr. Wilbanks, associate in the Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board, also said that seven Baptist groups consisting of 75,000 churches and 19 million members will participate in the 1959 year of simultaneous revivals.

Dr. Joe T. Odle, associate executive secretary and conference director, announced that plans were projected for both 1958 and 1959 and that the goal for this year was 20,000 baptisms.

1959 Feature
Simultaneous crusades were announced as a feature for 1959 with associations north of highway 80 to use April 12-26 and associations south of highway 80 to use March 15-29.

All the sessions of this year's conference were unusually well attended by those present.

Between sessions many would make their way downstairs to the Baptist Book Store exhibit and the "coffee room."

The "coffee pot" was kept hot throughout the conference by the host church and many of the visitors dropped in to chat a little, over a cup of coffee.

"From Death Unto Life . . ."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSE) — What will you be doing when death comes?

The following true incident makes one pause and ask that question.

"Last Tuesday morning, January 28, a devout and honored elderly member of our church, a lady eighty-two years of age, passed away while sitting in her easy chair in her living room. She was alone and her body was not discovered until about two hours later.

"Lying in her lap was a copy of Open Windows turned to January 28 devotional, the text

of which is 'We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren'—(1 John 3:14).

This verse spoke in a very special way of her life and character, and it seemed to be a fitting coincidence that she seemed to be reading that passage at the time of her death."

Dr. A. J. Moncrief, Jr., First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Open Windows is a devotional quarterly published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Donald F. Ackland, editor.



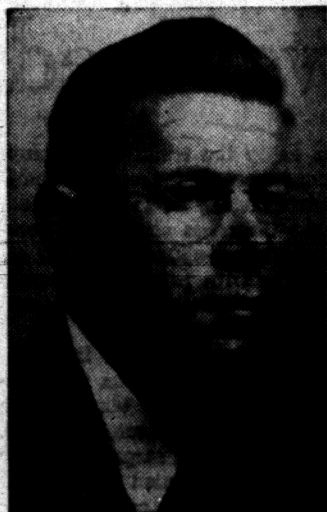
HAYS VISITS TRUETT GRAVE—Dallas, Texas—Southern Baptist Convention President Brooks Hays visited the grave of the late Dr. George W. Truett, Dallas minister who also was a Convention president. Dr. Truett was pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas. He was Convention president from 1927 to 1929. Hays is shown placing flowers on the grave.

Last Call Extended Rural Church Meet

Last call is being issued this week by the Baptist Record for the second Convention-wide Rural Church Conference to be held at Bellevue Church, Memphis, Feb. 24-28.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Mississippi executive secretary-treasurer, is chairman of the SBC Long Range Committee that is projecting its program through the conference.

Dr. Quarles has urged a full representative attendance from Mississippi.



Rev. Dan A. Morton

Morton Accepts First, Amory

Reverend Dan A. Morton has accepted the call of the First Church of Amory as pastor.

During his tenure as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Greenwood there have been over 500 additions to the church, with approximately 200 of them on profession of faith.

The church has almost completed payment of a debt for the enlargement of the auditorium which was done in 1951 under the leadership of the former pastor, Dr. R. A. Tullos.

Soon after beginning his work, Brother Morton led in the erection and payment of an educational building, which houses three departments and a modern kitchen.

Twenty-six young people have surrendered for some type of Christian service during the four and one-half years of his ministry.

The family will move to Amory the last week of February to begin work March 1.

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IS IT POSSIBLE
FOR ME TO
KNOW GOD?

"I am a sinner and I've got to find God," a woman said as she was about to leave the church. The pastor invited her to a corner pew. He suggested prayer and began to pray, asking God to help the woman be willing to repent of every sin and to accept Jesus Christ as her Saviour. He then asked her to pray. She did so.

In a moment there came a change in the tone of her voice and she ended her prayer thanking God for the peace and satisfaction which had come to her heart even as she prayed.

While the two prayed together in the rear of the auditorium, the buzz of conversation ceased. The minister supposed that everyone had left. But when he stood he saw a dozen other people here and there in silent prayer. They were faithful members of the church who saw their pastor was witnessing for Christ and who went voluntarily to prayer for the stranger seeking help. This incident is an illustration of the conviction held by Baptists that all men who sincerely desire may truly reach God in prayer.

With Baptists, there is no certain place nor certain time nor certain position for prayer. Baptists believe Jesus when he

said: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

The only condition for approaching God is faith. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Jesus came from heaven to earth to tear away the heavy veils which separated needy man from holy God. Christ is the only mediator we need before God. "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).

Each man is his own priest. He has within himself the ability and the responsibility to find and to know God personally. While friends may help you to understand how to pray, no one else can do your praying for you. Of course there are hindrances to powerful, prevailing, satisfying prayer, such as pride, selfishness, an unforgiving spirit, and cherished sins. But never forget it, you can really find God, if you really want to. "If . . . thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul" (Deuteronomy 4:29).



YOUNG JOHNNY GORDON brings his Japanese roommate home from college for Christmas. But his father explodes over a sudden reminder that his older son died in a Japanese prison camp during the war and he is left with a smoldering hate. A gradual re-enlightenment on the Christian way in race relations and tolerance rings some surprising changes to both Johnny and his father in this moving episode, **THAT THEY MAY HEAR**, from the Southern Baptist television **THIS IS THE ANSWER**.



REV. O. B. ROBERTSON pastor of the First Church, Raleigh, for the past four years has resigned effective March 3, 1958 to accept a similar position with the First Church of Amite, Louisiana. The Raleigh Church has constructed a new church building and the organizational work has been strengthened with higher attendance and quality of work.

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — Evangelist Billy Graham preached here to more than one-quarter of this island's population.

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Book Review:

Startling Adult Study, Vocational Guidance Week

by Dr. W. C. Fields

(Four books have been written specially for the first observance of Vocational Guidance Week, March 16-21, 1958. This is the first of a series of reviews of these refreshing books. Dr. Fields, editor of *The Baptist Record* discusses *God Calls Me* by J. Winston Pearce.)

I must confess that I had been a Christian a dozen years before it really dawned on me that God calls every disciple to "full-time Christian service." How about you?

God's purposes for us are individual and unique, and they run through every decade of life — "the tiny tots, tender teens, teaming twenties, tireless thirties, fiery forties, forceful fifties, serious sixties, sacred seventies, aching eighties, nodding nineties, and all the rest."

In a book that sparkles with insight on all of its 138 pages, Dr. J. Winston Pearce, pastor of the First Baptist Church, DeLand, Florida, makes it astonishingly clear that God desires dedicated vocations in minister and missionary, butcher, baker and candlestick maker alike.

God Calls Me uses powerful Bible authority to break down some of Twentieth Century Christianity's division of believers into clerics and laos. The opportunities and obligations of consecrated service can not be categorized by the terms "clergy" and "laity."

The author says, "The Christian owes his life to God; he owes all of his life to God; there is no part of his life that he does not owe to God. This is God's world, all of it. All men are called to God's love, forgiveness, salvation, fellowship, resources, and service."

In the Cornfield

In a manner that may jerk up many among us rather abruptly, Dr. Pearce points out that "the same type of dedication, consecration, and stewardship is required of all Christians whether on the mission field, in the bank teller's cage, behind the secretary's desk, in the cornfield, behind the wheels of a truck, in the kitchen or nursery, or on the policeman's beat."

"When the dedication, consecration, and stewardship are the same," he concludes, "divine approval, commendation, and rewards are the same."

Have you ever stopped to realize how many of God's specially anointed servants in Bible times were called to their particular missions in the latter years of their lives? That was the experience of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jonah, Paul, Luke and others.

What Would You Do?

In the mysterious ways of Omniscience, grown men and women in Mississippi will doubtless hear some new Divine "call" in 1958. Suppose that summons to extraordinary service should come to you! Could you detect it? How would you identify such a high and holy commission? What could you — and what would you — do about it?

These and many other pertinent questions for our times are explored with rare helpfulness in this book.

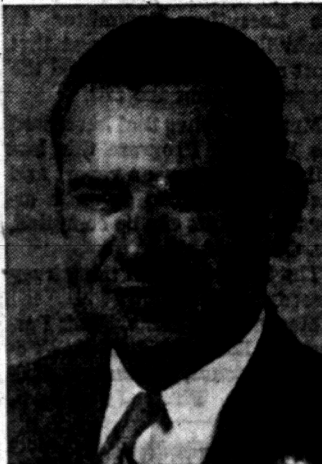
In spite of flourishing churches Christianity today is hardly keeping up with exploding populations. Never before has such a study been more timely. Kingdom business these days depends on the faithfulness of all God's workmen.

For All Adults

Sponsored by the Training Union in your church next month, Vocational Guidance Week is designed to help mature men and women add the Christian distinctives to their own trades and professions. Every adult in your church will profit from this adventure in finding God's will.

What a wonderful thing it would be — and can be — to look back across the vista of the years in our Christian service and be able to say: "His was the boat, and His the skill, and His the catch, and His my will."

Your reading of *God Calls Me* can bring you closer to such a life of distinguished Christian service.



Courts Redford

To Address District Rally —

At 7:15 p. m. on March 3 at the Columbia High school auditorium Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary - treasurer of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will speak to a rally of men, women, and young people of over 180 churches from Marion and seven nearby and surrounding counties and Louisiana.

Another feature of the program will be the William Carey College Choir. Under the leadership of the director, Dr. Don Winters, they will present several numbers.

The purpose of the rally is to inform and inspire the peoples regarding the Baptist Home Mission program and to launch the Annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

Rev. Curtis E. Sanders is missionary for Marion county.



James C. Austin

Special Assistant To Duke McCall

At the January meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Southern Seminary, Mr. James C. Austin was named special assistant to the president, Dr. Duke K. McCall. He will assume his duties immediately.

Mr. Austin comes to Louisville from the pastorate of the Eastwood Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he has been pastor since 1955. Previously, he served churches in English, Ky., and Hendersonville, Tenn.

He is a native of Appomattox, Virginia, a graduate of the University of Virginia and the Southern Baptist Seminary.

Churches Urged To Report News

COLUMBIA, Mo. (RNS) — Broader coverage of religious events is being given by American newspapers, and religious groups have a responsibility to provide fresh and vital information to them, speakers at the second annual Church News Clinic here said.

The clinic was sponsored by the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri and the Missouri Council of Churches.

James W. Carty, Jr., religious news editor of The Nashville Tennessean, a daily newspaper noted trends toward spreading religious news throughout a newspaper, rather than confining it to "church pages" on Saturdays.

He said that too many news releases issued by religious groups contain unnecessary and distorting editorial comment. Religion has become "big news" for many newspapers which are assigning trained specialists to report religious events, he said.

Dr. Earl F. English, dean of the School of Journalism, said there was an "increasing reader interest in religious news," but that newspapers do not have enough reporters to cover religious events adequately. He suggested that the churches help by sending more and better news to the papers.

Need Awareness
"If churches have an awareness of the value of church news and present their case to the papers, they can make some advance in getting more coverage," Dr. English suggested.

Dr. Rolfe Lanier Hunt of New York, executive director of the department of religion and public education of the National Council of Churches, differentiated "church news" from "religious news." He defined the former as "institutional" and the latter as "dealing with ideas" and therefore the more important.

Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, executive director of the Kansas City Council of Churches, said too much so-called "church news" in newspapers was in the category

of "institutional promotion."

John H. Shea, publisher of the Lexington, Mo., Advertiser-News, said newspaper editors need the help of churches in giving better presentations of religious news. "The newspaper is the best place for the church to make its first contact with the people," he said.

Bruce Barrington of St. Louis, president of the Missouri Radio Broadcasters Association, urged that churches also "tell the radio stations about the tremendous number of good things that are happening daily."

Pastor Retires At Antioch

Rev. C. S. Mullins, pastor of Antioch Church, Lowndes county, is retiring March 1. He has been with the church four years and five months.

During that time the church has grown in membership and attendance. One member who came on profession of faith was later called to the ministry, Rev. W. C. Meriweather, now attending Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas.

An educational building has been added and a new parsonage built. The budget has increased substantially and the church finances a foreign missionary, Mrs. Mark Alexander, now in Argentina.

A full program of activities includes Brotherhood and W.M.S. Mid-week prayer services and Daily Vacation Bible schools are well attended.

Rev. Banks Hardy has been called as pastor. He has recently surrendered to the gospel ministry. A native of Lowndes county, Rev. Hardy is now a student at Mississippi State College, Starkville.

Rev. Mullins will be supply pastor for Friendship Church, Oktibbeha county, and will reside at Sturgis, Miss., P. O. Box 128.



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S.S. Board Sends 6000 Tons Of Mail

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB)—Nearly thirteen million pounds of church literature were mailed last year by the Baptist Sunday School Board here to churches in all forty-eight states and sixty-five foreign countries.

The weight of church bulletins mailed totaled 813,000 pounds.

Third and fourth class promotional and advertising mail amounted to 3,520,622 pieces.

Total postage used during the 1957 for mailing merchandise, church bulletins, uniform periodicals, graded periodicals, promotional and advertising leaflets, third and fourth class promotional and advertising mail, denominational and evangelistic tracts, statements, invoices and first class letters in the Board's mailing and shipping section was \$436,857.09.

Evangelistic and denominational tracts totaled 14,636,525.

The Addressograph unit of the Board addressed approximately 3,045,852 envelopes, bulletins, labels, file cards, index cards, from its various addressograph lists.

The Board's postoffice issued 1,991 money orders and processed 8,802 pieces of insured, COD and registered mail.

More than 300,000 pounds of kraft wrapping paper were used for wrapping uniform and graded periodicals, church bulletins, promotional and advertising leaflets, and evangelistic and denominational tracts.

It required 187,176 Post Office mail bags for mailing uniform periodicals to the churches. These bags if laid end to end would reach a distance of approximately 97 miles.

Woman's Missionary Union

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March 3-7 Week of Prayer



Home Missions Annie Armstrong Offering



PRAY YE

(These request from Spanish field in New Mexico, Erlene Howard of Starkville is the missionary).

Pray for Phillip — he has surrendered for special service. There are many obstacles to overcome. Pray that he will remain faithful.

Pray for Mrs. Gonzales — she is a new Christian, joyous in her experience with the Lord. She works as a cook at a Boys' ranch, where she has many opportunities to witness for the Master. Pray that the seed she is planting in the hearts of the boys will bear fruit.

Pray for leadership for the missionary organizations. One of our greatest needs is for trained and consecrated leaders. There is great opportunity with youth if we just had leaders.

Reporting: Board Action

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, President of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention

At its recent meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, the Executive Board members took action on a number of matters.

The Board committed itself to the task of reaching the goal of \$2,000,000 for the Annie Armstrong offering March 3-7, 1958, during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

So strong was the faith of the Board members that additional allocations for home mission causes brought by Dr. Courts Redford were adopted.

And then we prayed. We prayed that our people everywhere would respond as never before — for we have never given \$2,

000,000 for our home mission offering.

We prayed that our people would meet to study, to pray. We prayed that our young people would dedicate their lives to tell the story here at home and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

If We Are To Have Peace

This, then, can be said: If we want a peaceful world, we must recognize that the love of Christ must be in the hearts of men. We must work to give freedom to those who do not have it. We must show the world that we are to demonstrate the belief in a commitment to our task here in America.

This task faces each of us in his own sphere, faces all who seek to work together for the peace of the world, faces Woman's Missionary Union as we approach the Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong offering.

So let us support Board Action.

Wheeler Grove One Of Top Ten

Wheeler Grove Church in Alcorn County recently received a citation of merit as one of the top ten churches in Mississippi at the tenth annual Town and Country church program held at Mississippi State College. Rev. Estes Deaton is pastor of the Wheeler Grove Church.

Rev. James Fancher, pastor of First Church, Bay Springs, was the speaker at the recent stewardship revival at Wheeler Grove, during which there were 70 new pledges to tithe.

SAN MATEO, Calif. — The San Mateo Planning Commission denied a church group here permission to use a home in a residential area for church services. By a 3-2 vote the commission agreed with residents of the area that the use of the home for religious services would cause "disadvantages" to other residents.

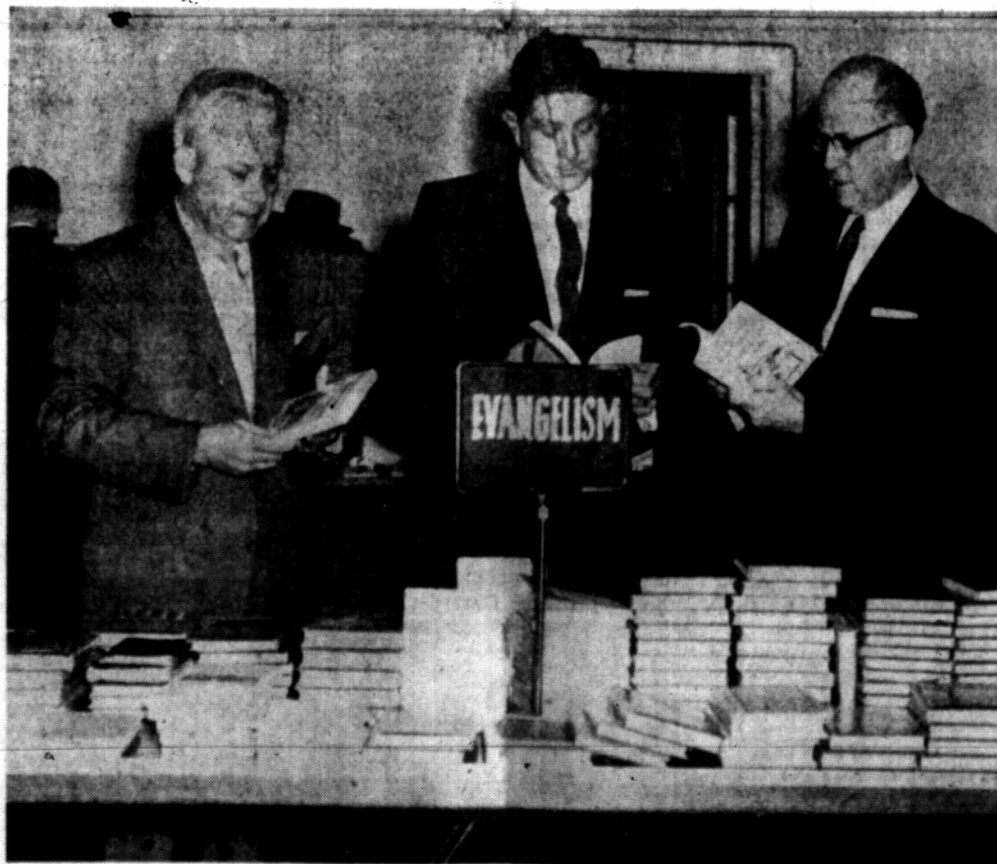
Coast Conference Shots



DR. JOE T. ODLE, associate executive secretary and conference director, congratulates pastors whose churches were among the leaders in the state last year in the number of baptisms. From left, Rev. Leon Ballard, Hickory Grove Church, near Meridian, third in number of baptisms per church member; Dr. Eugene Skelton, First Church, Pascagoula, third in total number of baptisms; Dr. D. Lewis White, First Church, Natchez, second in total number of baptisms; and Dr. Odle.



DR. LANDRUM LEAVELL, host pastor, greets program personalities at the State Evangelistic Conference held last week at First Church, Gulfport. From left: Dr. Vance Hayner, evangelist, Greensboro, N. C.; Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor, Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; Dr. H. F. Paschall, pastor, First Church, Nashville; and Dr. Leavell.



DR. C. E. WILBANKS, (right) associate in the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, goes over certain points in the book, "Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism," with Rev. Jeff Brantley (left) pastor of Forest Church, and Rev. R. T. B. Leavell, (center) pastor of First Church, Newton.



THERE WERE QUITE a few women as usual at the conference and several of these were caught looking over books by Dr. Hayner in the Baptist Book Store Exhibit. From left: Mrs. C. C. Stacy of Water Valley; Mrs. Kermit Canterbury of Jackson; Mrs. O. M. Jones, Jackson, Book Store manager; Mrs. Robert Lambright, former Mississippian, now of Semmes, Alabama, and Mrs. Robert Carlisle of Stringer.

Howard Elects Leslie Wright

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Leslie S. Wright, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Alabama, has been elected president of Howard College here. He will succeed Harwell Davis, retiring president, on September 1.

Both the four-year college and the Baptist Foundation are institutions of the Alabama Baptist Convention. Wright has been asked to come to Howard College as soon as he is relieved of his Foundation duties in Montgomery.

The new president is son of the late A. K. Wright, who for 10 years was pastor of First Baptist Church at nearby Ensley, Ala. Later his father was pastor of Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville, Ky.

Wright has A. B. and M. A. degrees from University of Louisville and is completing a doctoral program in education at University of Kentucky.

Before joining the Alabama Baptist Convention as Foundation secretary, Wright was for four years executive secretary to Sen. Lister Hill (D. Ala.).

He was president of Alabama Baptist Brotherhood Convention in 1948-1950 and is present chairman of the Alabama Baptist Convention public affairs committee.

He also is president of the Southwide Association of Baptist Foundation Executives. He is a deacon in Montgomery First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Wright, a native of Birmingham, taught at Howard College during World War II.

Sunday School Workers Meet At Crestwood

The Hinds County Association of Sunday School Workers met recently at the Crestwood Church, Jackson, for a program on "Better Bible Teaching" at which time a report on leadership training was given with the following churches reporting training class during the past four months, October 1, 1957 to February 1, 1958: Byram, Terry, Raymond, Salem, Utica, Clinton, Emmanuel, Highland, Midway, West Jackson, Broadmoor, Jackson First, Griffith Memorial, Forest Hill, Hillcrest, McDowell Road, Oak Forest, Westview, Calvary, Crestwood, Parkway, Robinson Street, Temple, and Van Winkle.

Thirty of the forty-five Baptist Churches in the county reported during the four month period 2,029 Sunday School study course awards.

Leaders and members of the Baptist Churches in Hinds county are asked to qualify for attendance at the annual Training Banquet to be held September 12, 1958 at the Calvary Baptist Church. All members who receive one of three Sunday School diplomas or one seal from October 1, 1957 to September 1, 1958 will be eligible to attend.

Madison Baptists Protest Repeal Of Dry Laws

The Executive Committee of the Madison County Association on February 2 at First Church, Canton passed resolutions in opposition to the legalization of liquor in Mississippi. Rev. Lynton B. Cooper is moderator of the association and Harold C. Jordan is clerk.

In part of the resolutions state:

"The present legislature of the State of Mississippi, now in regular session, has before it again, of its own accord, the matter of whether Mississippi Dry Laws should be repealed, or amended in some such manner as to give to the manufacture, distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages, the status of legality."

"Any legislation on the matter is in flagrant disregard of a recent mandate of the people."

"To disregard the mandate of the people is to uphold and put into practice the principle of anarchy and do lasting violence to our time-honored principles of democracy. . . . Any repeal or weakening of our Dry laws could open doors which will bring to our state floodtides of the fellow-travelers and by-products of legal liquor which in turn create problems far deeper and more serious than any now before us."

State Couple To Be Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. William O. Knight were appointed as missionaries to the Philippine Islands by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Chicago at their January board meeting.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Knight are graduates of Mississippi College, Clinton, receiving B. A. degrees in 1945 and 1946 respectively. Mr. Knight then received a B.D. from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Knight did graduate work in the field of missionary linguistics at the University of Oklahoma during the summer of 1957. They have four children.

Following a time spent visiting church in this country to tell of their future work, Mr. and Mrs. Knight and their family will sail for the Philippine Islands where they will seek to establish churches in areas where none exist.



Rev. Wade Allen

Joins Staff At Wildwood, Laurel

Announcement has been made by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Foy, that Rev. Wade Allen has been called as Educational Director at Wildwood Church, Laurel.

Mr. Allen is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds the B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Allen is the former Miss Betty Brown of Biloxi. She received her training at the same institutions attended by her husband.

The Allens have three children: Barbara 8, Wade Jr. 5, and Carol Ann 2 months. They will reside at 1817 Lee Street and will move to Laurel by March 1.

Library Gets Smallest Book

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—The Library of Congress announced acquisition of the world's smallest book.

It is a copy of the Lord's Prayer only 7/32nds of an inch square, printed by a Dutch publisher. The type is only 0.14 millimeters high, or about 1/200th of an inch.

Yet the Prayer can be clearly read by use of a powerful magnifying glass.

The book breaks the record of "world's smallest" which has been held since 1932 by two diminutive volumes of the "Rose Garden" of Omar Khayyam. The latter volumes, produced by Commonwealth Press of Worcester, Mass., are about 1/4th inch square. The new volume is 1/32 inch smaller.

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W. C. FIELDS, Editor

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Sights and Oversights

Henry Drummond observed that there are people who go about the world looking out for slights, and they are necessarily miserable, for they find them at every turn — especially the imaginary ones. One has the same pity for such men as for the very poor. They are the morally illiterate. They have had no real education, for they have never learned how to live.

Young Man of the Year
Is Outstanding Baptist

Dr. Donald B. Roark, a dedicated Christian and an active Baptist layman, has just been acclaimed by the Mississippi Junior Chamber of Commerce as the state's "Outstanding Young Man of 1957."

The tenth annual Distinguished Service Award of the organization was presented at a banquet in Jackson Saturday night.

Dr. Roark, 34 years old and the father of three, is Sunday School superintendent and deacon at the First Baptist Church in Yazoo City.

His service to the cause of Christ is as notable as his efforts in business and civic circles, and we gladly join the applause for the achievements of this remarkable young man.

Beginning with college days at the University of Tennessee he has been an energetic participant in Baptist affairs.

In 1946 he was state president of the Baptist Student Union in Tennessee. After receiving a Ph. D. he joined the faculty at Mississippi State. In Starkville he was superintendent of the Sunday School at the First Baptist Church, faculty advisor for the local BSU, and on the faculty council for the YMCA.

In 1954 Dr. Roark and his family moved to Yazoo City. He is the executive assistant and personnel director for the Mississippi Chemical Corporation of Yazoo City and Coastal Chemical Corporation of Pascagoula.

His duties involve corporate relations, community government and trade relations, wage and salary administration for over 455 employees, developing company policies and supervising training programs.

His competence in these areas is only a part of a versatility which is consecrated to the service of Christ. In the church at Yazoo City he has labored effectively in many capacities, including that of chairman of the deacons, and chairman of one of the committees for the building of a complete new church plant.

In addition to leading the Sunday School in his own church, he is an active worker in the Training Union and Brotherhood and is Associational Sunday School Superintendent. He has been a faculty member at Ridgcrest and gives of his time for many speaking engagements before professional and religious groups.

Mississippi Baptist people are never honored more signally than when, on such occasions as this, the spotlight of public recognition is turned on one in our midst for meritorious service in Christian citizenship.

Checklist For Public Issues

How can the conscientious citizen decide whether a law, expenditure or other government proposal is genuinely in the interest of the community, state or nation?

A ten-point test of such issues is supplied in the current issue of *Dateline*. Here is a systematic method of examining each item of the phantasmagoria of legislation which pours through the hoppers at Jackson and Washington.

1. Is it necessary?
2. Can we afford it?
3. What will it cost ultimately?
4. How will it affect basic liberties?
5. Is it in the balanced best interest of all?
6. Is it a "foot-in-the-door" proposition?
7. Does it place too much power in the hands of one individual or group?
8. Does it recognize the importance of the individual and the minority?
9. Is its appeal based on emotional propaganda or facts?
10. Does it square with your moral convictions?

The Christian's dual allegiance to the Kingdom of God as well as to "the kingdom of this world" is not necessarily a conflict of interest. It does mean, however, that his political citizenship must be shaped by a standard of spiritual values.

Washington's Prayer

The "father of our country" was born 226 years ago this Saturday. A grateful nation will pay respectful tribute to George Washington on this anniversary.

Washington—"first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his fellow countrymen"—was baptized in the Hudson River by a Baptist chaplain, John Cano.

It is doubtful that he ever united with the First Baptist Church of New York, as is sometimes reported. According to most reliable historians, he was an Episcopalian.

The following prayer was found in his pew at St. Paul's Chapel, New York, after his inauguration:

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large."

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We are all nations standing at this hour of human history before the portals of supreme catastrophe or of measureless reward.—Sir Winston Churchill, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*.

Inflation: When nobody has enough money because everybody has too much.—Harold Coffin.

Even one convert among the Moslems is like gold rescued from the fire. We want to spend our lives gold hunting in Northern Nigeria.—Thomas J. Kennedy, missionary to Nigeria.

Shield of Safety



The Baptist Forum

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On board the Aircraft Carrier USS Hancock there is a small group of Christian sailors who meet for a Bible study class as often as possible. Some of us have been aboard for as long as three years and others only a short time. Some of us have come to know Christ personally on the Hancock.

Our ship's crew consists of about three thousand men. Our Bible study class varies from five to fifteen. We have a real burden for the lost aboard the ship and we are asking you to share it with us.

Clark E. Kaschube,
USS Hancock CVA-19
C/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Big 'Un For Boys

An event significant to our denominational program, now and in years to come, will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 12, 13, 14, 1958. I have in mind the Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress for which an attendance goal of 8,858 has been set. Our own boys and many from other countries will be challenged by the Congress theme, "Christ in Me... The Hope of the World." The Congress will also climax the observance of 50 years of Southern Baptists' Missionary education effort among boys.

Edward Hurt, Jr.,
Convention-wide R.A. Sec.
Memphis.

Kittiwake O. K.

It was a great experience for me to be able to attend the recent state evangelistic conference at Gulfport. This was made possible because Kittiwake Baptist Assembly was made accessible to us. As Baptists we have something to be proud of. The facilities there were equal to those found in a hotel.

To Mr. Roberts, the manager, may I say you made us feel at home and we appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts.

Rev. Bobby Walton,
Spring Hill Church,
Oakland, Miss.

Western Evangelism

Everywhere I go I am thrilled and inspired by the enthusiastic spirit of Southern Baptist people and the progress of our work. However, I have never been so greatly inspired or so thrilled and challenged as I have been since I came to the West this time.

As you know, I came to California and Nevada in 1954 for a series of revivals. Again this year in response to invitations to return, and because of the gracious spirit of my own church, I have the privilege of spending nine weeks in the same two states in Revivals. This is proving to be the greatest blessing of my entire ministry.

California, with its better than ten million (10,000,000) lost

people constitutes a great challenge to Southern Baptists. But, I am happy to say that I have witnessed with my own eyes and ears the fact that Southern Baptists in California under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Posey, Dr. Walker, Dr. Armstrong, and a host of other consecrated and capable leaders and pastors, are on the march, as a mighty army, and I do not believe they will stop short of anything, but victory for our Lord.

The California Convention has set 50,000 baptisms as its goal for 1958, and you know something, I believe that they believe that by the power of God they can do it. And since attending those Conferences, I believe so too.

Tommy Fant, Pastor
Harmony Church
Laurel

Devotionals

I have just read this week's "Devotional" by Dan Morton, an old friend of mine, and was very much impressed by what he had to say. I think the column is a splendid idea.

Have also enjoyed reading about William Carey College; and I appreciate what you said about Dr. Rouse with reference to naming of the new library in his honor. I have honored him personally as truly a good and great man ever since I have known him, and have admired his courage.

Rev. Silas Johnson
Plantersville.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Protestant representatives urged Congress to enact stiffer penalties for transmission of obscenity in the United States mails.

18TH CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS
BAPTIST PATRIOT RETIRES

HOPEWELL, New Jersey, December, 1778 (BY)—In a denotation of outstanding patriots who played key roles in the fight for American independence, few Baptists rendered more sacrificial service than John Hart. The farmer, legislator, and signer of the Declaration of Independence retired from public life this fall due to ill health.

A champion of religious freedom and individual rights, the Baptist affixed his signature to the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that it might cost him his life and his fortune. But even John Hart could not foresee the price he would pay for his patriotism.

Before the war Hart owned a valuable farm and interest in a number of mills. His property, was in the path of the armies and during the fighting his crops were consumed, his stock driven away, and his farm and mills laid waste.

A Fugitive

Hart's large family was scattered and the legislator was hunted as a traitor by royal troops. For weeks during the war he was a fugitive in the Sourland Mountains, hunted from house to house, spending the nights wherever he could find shelter, and even sleeping with farm animals.

But the hardest blow of all came when his wife's health broke under the strain of war. Hart was forced to flee from her bedside to escape capture and she died during his absence.

Seven years ago Hart gave the land on which the Hopewell Baptist Church was built and he and his family have worshipped there regularly.

Serves in Assembly

He served in the New Jersey assembly for ten years where he militantly defended popular rights. He opposed the Stamp Act, favored an address to the king which declared that the right to tax resided with the colonies, only, and led the opposition against providing for royal troops.

He was elected to the Continental Congress on June 22, 1776, and signed the Declaration of Independence on August 2. That same year he was elected vice-president of the New Jersey Congress and was unanimously selected as speaker of the first assembly under the new constitution of New Jersey.

Hart's courageous stand during the war is the more remarkable because he was sixty-five when he signed the Declaration of Independence. The hardships of the conflict have taken their toll, however, and the selfless Baptist patriot has yielded his duties to others for a badly needed rest.

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Pages
From The Past

By J. L. BOYD, Sr.

50 YEARS AGO

The Fifth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, (now Temple) just nine weeks after being organized held their first worship service in their new house of worship — "the same day of the week, and the same hour of the day." Rev. L. E. Hall was the pastor who said "A good Methodist brother, H. A. Camp... gave us the corner lot 150 x 200 feet right in the center of the best residential portion of the city."

Pastor P. I. Lipsey of the Clinton Baptist Church reports "the greatest meeting here that any of our people can remember." Home Board Evangelist W. W. Hamilton did the preaching assisted by Brother and Sister George leading the song services. It was a memorable revival. The annual report of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. B. D. Gray, secretary, contains the following: "In an all-night prayer meeting at Clinton, Miss. there were 260 present at midnight and 192 at four o'clock. After a sermon at two o'clock in the morning" thirty-two came forward surrendering to full-time Christian service. "It was a sight never to be forgotten when Pastor Lipsey and President (W. T.) Lowrey of Mississippi College stood among this group and prayed for them and with them." (NOTE: Jesse L. Boyd was among this number. If any one's reading this who also were among them, please write to me, Clinton, Miss.)

Mrs. K. Farrar of the W. M. U. of Anguilla Baptist Church writes that they have eight members enrolled who had carpeted the aisles and rostrum of their church, with two of the brethren assisting in laying the carpet.

25 YEARS AGO

The annual B. T. U. Study Course in the Clinton Church enrolled "about two hundred" under the leadership of Director Ralph Reeves and Chester Swor of the B. S. U. of the college campus. Ouber J. Wilds, Harry Leland Martin, Leo Green and Miss Zadeen Walton made up the faculty.

People are funny: "Don't you know her? Why, she lives in the same square with you."

Yes, but she's not in the same circle."

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON
Author of the book, FOR OUR AGE OF ANXIETY, which you may purchase at your Baptist Book Store.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IN CHURCH

QUESTION: Would there be anything wrong with our Baptist brethren or any Christian using the organ, violin, piano, guitar, etc. along with the singing of old hymns in worship service? I mean, only Christians playing only hymns seven days a week, when both singing and playing is 100 percent hymns and done by Christians?

ANSWER: This is an old question and has been debated by Christians for several centuries. No single answer is correct under all circumstances.

In most communities among our churches, the organ, piano, and violin are considered acceptable, if played reverently in a church worship service. With the guitar and similar instruments, the feeling is usually a little different. They are so commonly connected with folk and dance music that to associate them with hymns is a little shocking to many churchgoers.

The Psalms mention praising God with all of the instruments available. The New Testament Christians no doubt followed this tradition, since they inherited the Jewish methods of worship.

Because instruments are not mentioned in the New Testament as a part of worship, some Christians object to their use in church. This is an argument from silence and might be used against pews, hymn books, or even tuning forks as well as organs or pianos.

Each congregation must decide these matters for itself. There is no positive guidance from the New Testament in this matter.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 W. 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)

Calendar of Prayer

February 24 — Dan Skilton, Tiphah Association Training Union Director; Frank Shoffner, Tishomingo Association Training Union Director.

February 25 — Roy Kuykendall, Newton Association Brotherhood President; Lamar Kyndard, Noxubee Association Brotherhood President.

February 26 — Curtis Sanders, Marion Association Supt. of Missions; R. L. Mefford, Mississippi Association Supt. of Missions.

February 27 — Mrs. D. H. Price, Jeff Davis Association W. M. U. Pres.; Mrs. Ras Case, Lawrence Association W. M. U.

February 28 — Harold Gully, Baptist Building; Kermitt King, Baptist Building; Mrs. Ralph Alewine, Baptist Bldg.

March 1 — Mrs. Irma McAtee, Mississippi College faculty; Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, Blue Mountain College faculty.

March 2 — John F. Carter, Clarke College faculty; Wiley J. Moody, William Carey College faculty.

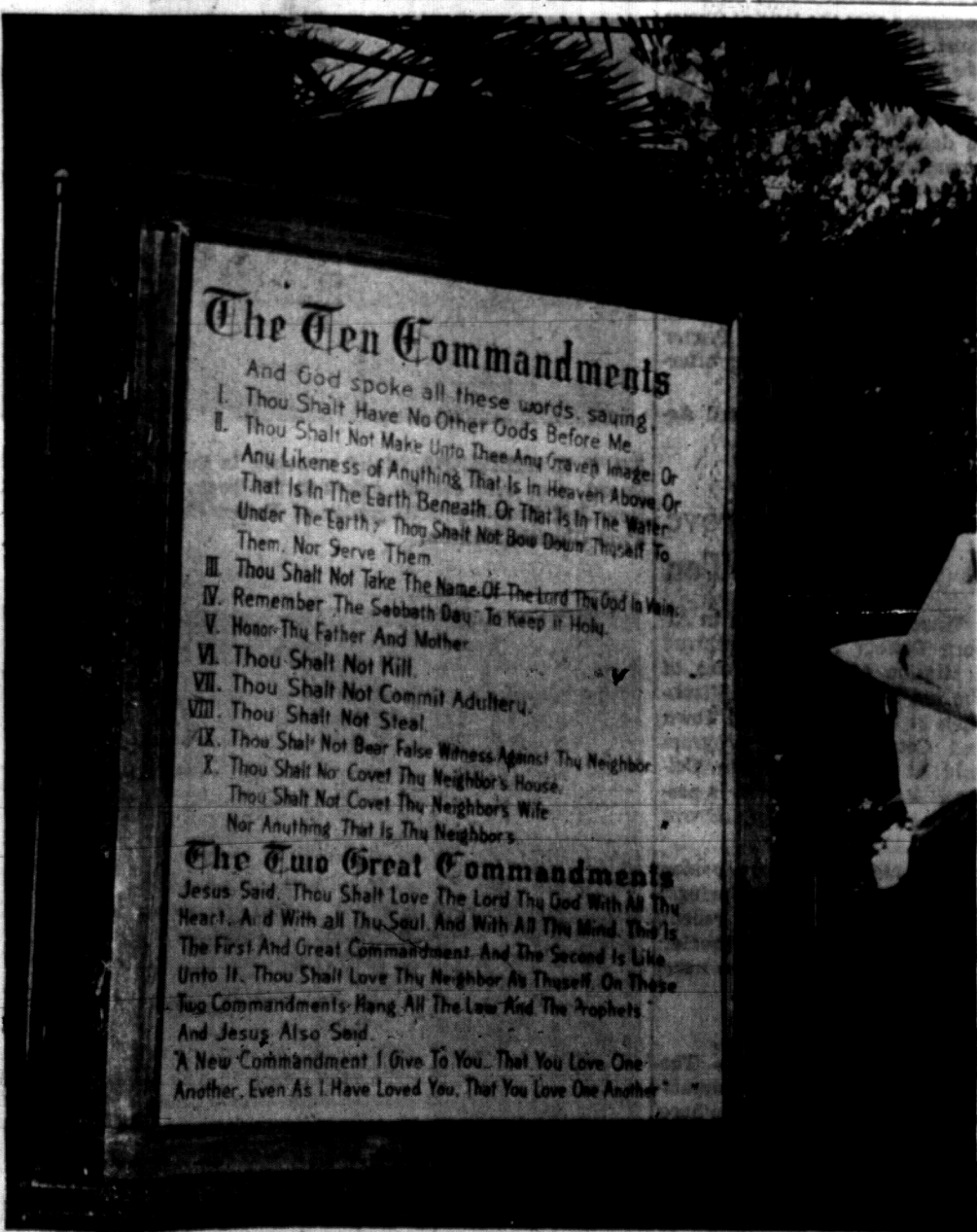
RANGOON, Burma — Clergymen of many faiths offered separate prayers at the dedication of a white memorial erected some 20 miles from here in memory of the 27,000 officers and men of the British Commonwealth land forces who lost their lives in Burma and Assam during World War II.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS IN PARK — Jacksonville, Fla.—This sign bearing the Ten Commandments was placed in Hemming Park here by Rev. Gabriel Abdullah, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church. The sign is similar to one outside his church. He was given permission by city authorities to erect the marker. (Religious News Service Photo).

Carey Begins Vocations Week



NEW S. B. P. A. OFFICERS—Albuquerque, N. M.—Dr. Floyd Looney (left), editor of the California Southern Baptists, is the newly-elected president of the Southern Baptist Press Association. Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of Mississippi's Baptist Record, is the secretary. Not shown is Editor W. G. Stracener of the Florida Baptist Witness, vice-president. Officers were elected at a recent meeting of the group here.

Sunday School Department

E. C. Williams, Secretary
Miss Carolyn Madison, Elementary Secretary
Mrs. Judson Irwin, Office Secretary
Mrs. Ralph Alewine, Office Secretary

Young People's Sunday school workers in Mississippi will have good and profitable times coming their way the three days of our Sunday School Conventions, March 11-13.

This is because the leader of these conferences will be Mrs. Allen Comish, approved Young People's leader, from Nashville, Tenn. She has helped us before in our state, and has also helped in conventions, conferences, clinics in other states.

We are glad she is coming our way again, and we earnestly request our Young People's Sunday school officers and teachers to make their plans to attend one of these three Conventions.

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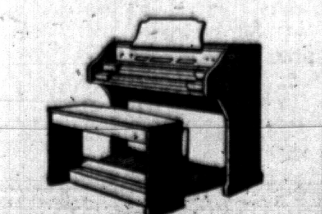
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Dr. P. B. Moseley, Research Superintendent for Hercules Powder Company, will initiate the annual Carey College Vocational Emphasis Week on Monday as he speaks to the student body and faculty on the theme for the week, "Dedication Unlimited to God's Supreme Purpose." Miss Grace Lee, Principal of Camp Elementary School, will speak during the Chapel hour on Wednesday and Rev. Charles Holifield, Pastor, Calvary Church, Waynesboro will be the Friday chapel speaker.

Dr. Moseley received his training at Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas and at Louisiana State University where he was awarded the Ph. D. Degree in Chemistry. Before coming to Hattiesburg he spent six years as a research chemist at the Hercules Powder Company Research Center in Wilmington, Delaware.

Miss Lee received her B. S. and M. A. Degrees from Mississippi Southern. Last year she was Chairman of the Teacher's Educational Standards Committee and is now State Representative of National Department of Elementary Schools.

Rev. Holifield graduated from Mississippi College and received his B. D. Degree from the New Orleans Seminary. Before going to Waynesboro he was

the Pastor of the Rawls Springs Church. He is now Moderator and Convention Board member of Wayne Association.

Morning Watch speakers include: Mrs. Paul Cranford, homemaker, wife of Rev. Paul Cranford, pastor of the Temple Church; Dr. Harold Massey, student counselor, Mississippi Southern; Mrs. Clovis McKissack, physical education instructor, Hawkins Junior High; and Miss Gladys Bryant, Baptist Student Union director, Itawamba Junior College.

Names In The News

Robert Wall, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wall, was ordained at First Church, Brookhaven, on February 5. A recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary, he has accepted the call to pastor the Hamilton Street Church, Brookhaven.

Dr. Morris Ford will do the preaching for the revival to be held at First Church, New Albany, April 6-13. Dr. J. William Harbin is the pastor.

Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, pastor of First Church, Winona, led in the beginning study of the book of Mark at the North Central Pastors' Conference which met at Winona on February 17. The Vice-President, Rev. Billy Joe Jones, planned the program. Rev. John McBride, pastor of the Vaiden Church, is the President.

Jeannie Arrington, Clinton; Albert Gooch, Clinton; B.H. Benton, East St. Louis, Illinois; Dannie Hawkins, Laurel; Johnnie Hawkins, Laurel; Jimmy Davidow, Jackson; Dr. Bobbie Rogers, Jackson; E. D. Estes, Jackson; Sebe Dale, Columbia; J. L. Corley, Grenada; and J. Millard Purl, Summit, were among recent visitors in the Baptist Building.

Mrs. R. A. Kimbrough, 84, passed away Feb. 2 at Shreveport, La. She was born at Corinth, was a graduate and faculty member of Blue Mountain College. Her husband, the late Dr. Kimbrough, was a successful pastor in Mississippi and Louisiana.



Gene C. Fant

Accepts Pastorate In California

Rev. Gene C. Fant, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Fant, pastor of Harmony Church, leaves Laurel Sunday, February 16, for Klamath, California, where he is to begin a revival meeting on Sunday, February 23, in a church that has called him as pastor.

Gene was ordained by the Harmony Church in December at the request of the Klamath Church.

Gene is scheduled to drive to Alturas, California, where he will meet his father, who has been in the west for several weeks conducting revival meetings. The two will travel together to the West Coast, where both begin revivals on the same day in different churches some 80 miles apart.

At the close of the revival on the coast the two will compose a father and son team in a meeting in Temple Church, Sparks, Nevada, in which Rev. T. E. Fant will do the preaching, and Gene will lead the singing. The meeting at Sparks is scheduled to close on the night of March 14. At the close of that meeting the Harmony Baptist pastor will return to Laurel, where he will resume his duties on March 16. Gene will remain in the West until fall at least.



CLARKE STEERING COMMITTEE—The steering committee for the 50th anniversary celebration of Clarke Memorial College is shown; Seated left to right: Dr. John F. Carter, President W. Lowrey Comper, Mrs. Marlin R. Hicks, Dr. Levon Moore, chairman, Steering Committee, Therman V. Bryant. Standing, left to right: Joe Baker, Don Evans, S. C. Shaw, Rev. Carl Duck, Arless Jackson, Horace Headrick. The spring emphasis for the Anniversary will be May 18-19, at which time the commencement and graduation exercises for the Anniversary Class will be held. The fall emphasis will be held September 22, which is the anniversary of the opening of the school.

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BOSTON (RNS)—The question of whether a wife separated from her husband may change the religion of their children has been placed before the State Supreme Court.

math, California, where he is to begin a revival meeting on Sunday, February 23, in a church that has called him as pastor.

Gene was ordained by the Harmony Church in December at the request of the Klamath Church.

Gene is scheduled to drive to Alturas, California, where he will meet his father, who has been in the west for several weeks conducting revival meetings. The two will travel together to the West Coast, where both begin revivals on the same day in different churches some 80 miles apart.

PHILADELPHIA—A world crusade to "save the Bible from being reduced to a reference book" was urged here by the Rev. David P. Johnson of Kitchener, Ont., Canada, president of the General Convention of The New Church (Swedenborgians).

Louin Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Richard Bailey has accepted the pastorate of the Louin Church.

Mr. Bailey has served the church since Oct. 1 as supply pastor. He is a graduate of Clarke College and will enter William Carey College this fall.

Rev. and Mrs. Bailey are from Bessemer, Alabama and have one daughter, Kathy. They will move to Louin in a few weeks.

FLY TO CUBA

Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Blue Mountain and her sister Mrs. Lottie Porter, New Albany, have just left the States by plane for Havana, Cuba with their brother, Dr. Dick Houston Hall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., who has been invited to serve as the revival minister in one of the Baptist churches of the city.

Mrs. Buchanan is official organist of Lowrey Memorial Church and is president of the WMU of Blue Mountain.

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Four New Churches

We are happy to say we have added four new Every-Family Plan churches since our last report.

All of these came in through the Two-Month Free-Trial Offer. Line Creek Church, Scott Association, Rev. L. E. Lambert, pastor, 30 names.

Highland Church, Tishomingo Association, 44 names.

Bogue Homa Church, New Choctaw Association, Rev. Thomas Nickey, pastor, 5 names.

Macedonia Church, Neshoba Association, Rev. John Allen, pastor, 12 names.

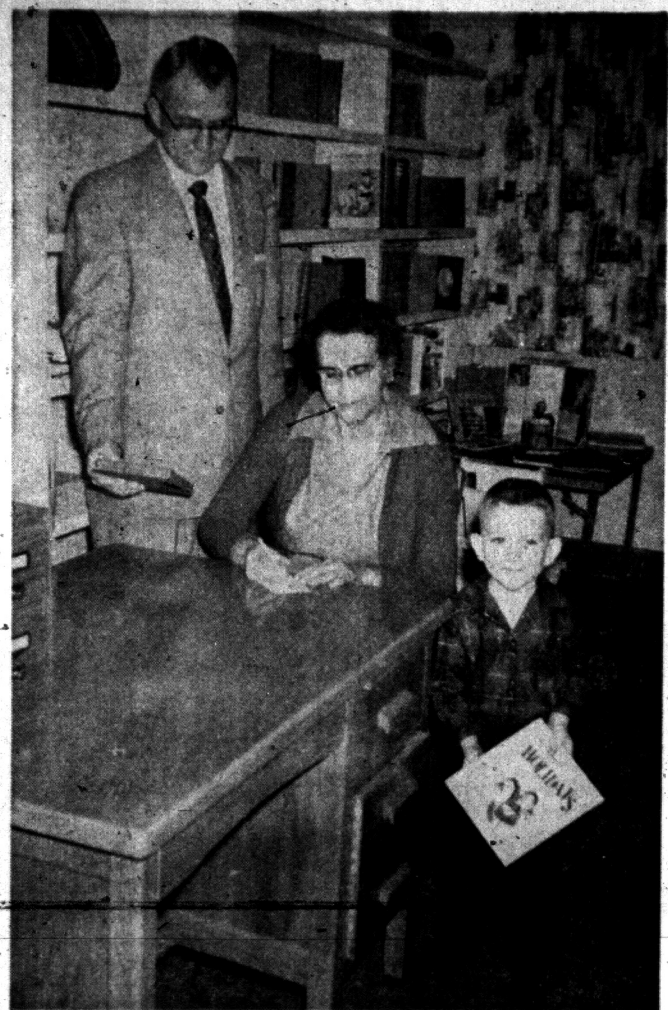
Chap. Herring To Be Discharged

Rev. Ivan M. Herring, Chaplain (1st Lt.) USAF will be discharged Feb. 28 and is available for the pastorate in Mississippi.

He has been in the Air Force five years and during this time had experience as a Confinement Chaplain, Hospital Chaplain and Religious Education Chaplain.

He formerly held pastorates in Missouri and is a graduate of William Jewell College and Central Seminary, Kansas City.

His address is Headquarters, 72nd Air Base Group (SAG), APO 34



Ripley Has Growing Library

With 445 books catalogued in the Church Library at First Church, Ripley, this service has stimulated wide-spread interest among all ages of the membership, since the Library was dedicated last October 13.

Recommended books from the Church Library lists of the Sunday School Board have been chosen with an eye to the needs of the different departments of the church, giving the leaders opportunity to select the desired books for each age group.

In the accompanying picture, Rev. Grant Clark, pastor, can be seen with the church librarian, Mrs. John Peeler, issuing a book to one of the youngest readers, Terry Davis, 3½ year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Davis.

Special Gifts

The Church Library has an item in the Church Budget and with a number of special gifts being given in memory of friends and relatives, 195 volumes have been added to the Library in the first three months of its use.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

SUCCESSFUL STATE CAROL CHOIR FESTIVAL

It is with pleasure that we make this report on our first State Carol Choir Festival. The enrollment is as follows:

Junior Choir members—856
Choirs—35
Leaders and Sponsors—152
Grand Total—1,008.

The audience at the concert was estimated at 200 which brings the attendance for the festival to about 1200.

This was our first festival of this type to be held in the state.

It was under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Phillips of Texarkana, Texas. A word of appreciation should go to all of the directors and accompanist, also to a large staff of workers at Mississippi College who assisted with the festival. A word of appreciation is expressed to the administration at Mississippi College for letting us hold this event on the campus of the college. The clinic type festival is the beginning of an expanded program of our festival work. The Carol Choir program is one of eight divisions of the program.

THIS IS FESTIVAL SEASON

The Regional Festivals are close at hand and all groups and hymn players planning to enter the program should start practicing now. For more festival information write the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Time and Place For Everything

OXFORD, England—23-year old Brian Clack has learned there's a time and place for everything. Recently an alert "Bobby" halted the young Salvation Army bandman as he bicycled, no-hands, through the traffic. Why no hands? He was busy practicing "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" on his cornet!

Gifts For 41st Meridian

Two handsome gifts have just been presented Forty-First Avenue church. One is a home at 3905-8 Street, given by Mrs. Viola Gilbert Gilmore, member of the Fifth Street Methodist church and the other is a contribution of \$1,000.00 to the building fund by Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Gilbert, members of the First Church, Meridian.

Forty-First Avenue church recently purchased approximately half of the block of which the Gilmore gift is located, to relocate the church site and build a new church home.

Mrs. Gilmore gave the property, measuring 46 feet on 8th Street by 110 feet north and south, without reservation or obligation to the church. The donor, 85, is the oldest daughter in a family of ten sons and daughters and has one living brother, T. A. Gilbert of Meridian. Frank McDonald, county tax assessor, appraised the property and placed a valuation of \$7,500.00 on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert's gift is a memorial to their son, the late Lt. James Kenneth Gilbert who lost his life in World War II.

The Rev. Otis Seal, pastor of Forty-First Avenue church and the church members feel that "such gifts from Christian friends express the sincere interest of people in Meridian to help build a more helpful and beautiful city."

Leadership School To Be Held At 1st, New Albany

February 24-28 a Union county Association Training Union Leadership School will be held at First Church, New Albany, with classes beginning each evening at 7:00. Nursery facilities will be available.

On the faculty will be Mr. and Mrs. Versil Crenshaw of the Training Union Department at Nashville, Tenn.; George Caldwell, Alabama's State Training Union Secretary; Mrs. George Caldwell; Auber J. Wilds of Oxford; Miss Sidney Dixon of Blue Mountain; Mrs. A. B. Pierce of Greenville; and others who will be announced later.

During the week different churches in the association will provide meals for the faculty.

Lamar Turner is associational Training Union Director; Dr. J. William Harbin is pastor of First Church, New Albany.



Jess Moody

Moody Preaching At Brookhaven

Jess Moody, evangelist and pastor of the First Church of Owensboro, Kentucky, is currently in a revival effort in the First Church of Brookhaven.

Dr. Moody did evangelistic work for eleven years before becoming pastor at Owensboro; his message which is mature in content and fresh in presentation has an appeal to young and old alike.

Mr. Edward Clark, also of First Church, Owensboro, has come with Dr. Moody to lead the music for the services.

The time for the revival is set for 7:00 A. M. and 7:00 P. M. through the week of February 17-23.

ANGUILLA HAS GOOD REVIVAL

Anguilla Church had one of the best revivals in its history January 26-31. There were 40 decisions, 12 by letter, 8 on profession of faith, and 20 by rededication. The largest crowds attended this revival that the church had seen in many years.

The guest preacher for the revival was Dr. R. Elmer Nielson, pastor of First Church, Cullman, Alabama and former pastor of Immanuel Church at Hattiesburg.

The singing was led by the pastor at Anguilla, Rev. Roy D. Raddin.

Interim Pastor

The First Church of Okolona has called Allison Bell, evangelist, of Tupelo, as interim pastor.

The Okolona church has been without a pastor since ill health caused Rev. B. L. Mohon to resign last December. He had been pastor for more than seven years.

Church Council Elects Officers

Rev. Charles T. Chambers, rector of the Episcopal Church of Clarksdale, was elected president of the Mississippi Church Council for Alcohol Education at its annual meeting on Friday of last week held at Northside Baptist Church, Jackson.

He will succeed Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor of the Mendenhall Baptist Church, Jackson. Other officers elected include:

Rev. H. C. Adcock, first vice-president, Hattiesburg (Christian); Dr. J. L. Neill, second vice-president, Decatur (Methodist); Rev. J. Harrell Harper, third vice-president, Jackson (Presbyterian); Mrs. Vashti I. Cain, recording secretary, Jackson and Major W. E. Holcomb, Jackson, (Baptist), financial secretary-treasurer.

The council is supported by several Protestant denominations in the state, one of which is the Mississippi Baptist Convention.



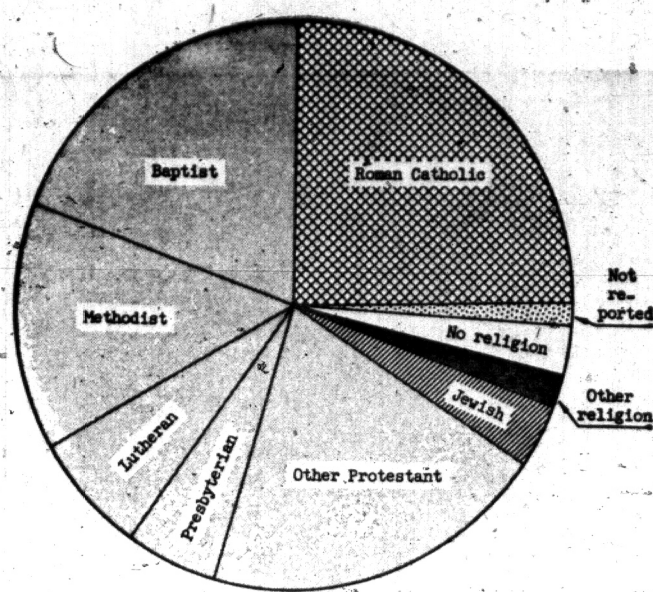
Rev. Burl Patterson

Progress Noted At Sand Hill

Rev. Burl T. Patterson of Sumrall, is now serving his second year as pastor of the Sand Hill Church in Jones County. He came to the Church as pastor in October of 1936.

Since that time seventeen new members have been added to the Church; a W. M. U. R. A., G. A. and Y. W. A. have been organized. A pastor's home and recreational building have been acquired and improved; fans have been installed in the Church; general improvements in the nursery and Sunday School rooms have been made; and pastor's salary raised \$500.00 a year. Sand Hill Church has a membership of 170.

Rev. Patterson is married and the father of a three year old son.



96 PER CENT SPECIFY RELIGIOUS FAITH—WASHINGTON, D. C.—This chart shows the proportion of Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews in the U. S., as a result of a survey conducted by the Census Bureau. The statistics are based on a sample survey made last March by the bureau among 35,000 households in 330 areas across the country. If the results of the survey are projected to the country's population as a whole, they show that 79,000,000 above the age of 14 are Protestants; 30,700,000 are Catholics; 3,900,000, Jews; and 1,500,000 are members of some other religious group. There would be some 3,200,000 with no religion. Among the Protestants, 23,600,000 belong to various Baptist groups; 16,700,000 are Methodists; 8,400,000, Lutherans; and 6,700,000 Presbyterians. Some 23,700,000 others belong to smaller Protestant bodies. (RNS)

Mission Wants Bell

The Clinton Baptist Mission would like to have an old church bell. The Mission is just a month old, located in the suburbs of Clinton, made up mostly of folk from small towns and rural areas and used to hearing the church bells ringing for services on Sundays and prayer meetings.

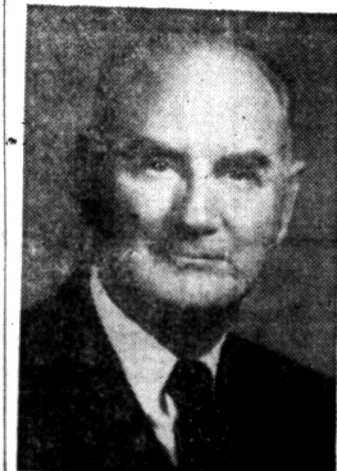
If any Baptist church in Mississippi has an old bell which it has discarded and would donate it to the Mission, please write to J. L. Boyd, Box 392, Clinton.

Crenshaw Calls New Pastor

Rev. Will Taylor has accepted the pastorate of the Crenshaw Church and has moved to Crenshaw.

He comes from a fruitful ministry in Kelton, S. C. In addition to pastoral duties, he has done some evangelistic and radio work and has worked with young people. He is a native of Memphis and studied at Columbia Bible College, University of S. C., and Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Taylor is a native of Columbia, S. C. and has been active as Sunday school teacher and Associational W. M. U. President.



Rev. Will Taylor

Pippen Resigns Kolola Springs

Rev. W. O. Pippen has resigned the pastorate of the Kolola Springs Church in Lowndes County, his last Sunday of services there to be the first Sunday in March.

A great deal of progress has been made at the church since Mr. Pippen became pastor nearly five years ago. A pastorium has been purchased, new Sunday School rooms have been added, a budget has been adopted and made to work.

Mr. Pippen will be available for supply or to serve as pastor of a small church.

PHOTO AT RIGHT SHOWS the team that conducted Religious Focus Week last week at Mississippi College. (Seated, left to right) Dr. Plunkett Martin, New Orleans Seminary faculty; Mrs. Lawrence Freeman, Murphreesboro, Tenn., housewife; Dr. Kearnie Keegan, convention-wide Baptist student director; Betty Jeane Weeks, student director, MSCW; Dr. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College; (standing) Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of The Baptist Record; Russell Newport, Springfield, Mo., businessman; Malcolm Tolbert, missionary to Brazil; Douglas Gow, businessman from Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Dr. Edward S. Amls of the faculty, University of Arkansas; and Dr. Doyle Hamilton, physician from Monroe, La.—(MC Photo by Red Bright).

IN CORNER PICTURE is seen "Operation Prayer." At White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles a surgeon prays with his patient before starting an operation.—(RNS Photo).

IN RNS PHOTO BELOW the oratorio honoring Charles Wesley gets world premiere at Lawrence, Kansas. A new oratorio commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Wesley, famed hymn writer, was given its premiere before some 3,400 Methodist students and guests. Shown looking over the score are left to right: Dr. Hom Driver, instructor in drama at Union Theological Seminary, New York, who wrote the libretto; Cecil Effinger, music professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder, composer of the music; and Dr. Thor Johnson, musical director of the Cincinnati Symphony, conductor.





JERUSALEM BAPTISTS—The Baptist Church of Jerusalem, Israel. Standing outside is the pastor of the church, Dr. Robert Lindsey, Southern Baptists missionary.—(Israel Government Photo).

12 MC Grads In 'Who's Who'

Twelve Mississippi College graduates will be included in the new names to appear in the 1958 volume of *Who's Who in America*.

This was revealed in a letter to President R. A. McLemore from Arthur E. Neely, educational director of the A. N. Marquis Co., publishers of *Who's Who*.

"It is apparent that the traditionally fine record of Mississippi College in the past is more than being maintained in the present," says Neely. "No other independent institution of higher learning in your state shows as many new names in this volume as Mississippi College."

First Time

Listed for the first time are: Dr. James Rodney Branton, Col-

gate-Rochester Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Henry Leo Edleman, president, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.; John William Gillon, attorney, Birmingham, Ala.; Brig. Gen. Hollingsworth Franklin Gregory, USAF, Commander, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Washington, D. C.

Dr. James Edward Hulett, Jr., chairman, department of sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana; Ernest Edward Laird, president, First National Bank, of Jackson; Mark Perin Lowrey

Love, vice-president, Shell Oil Co., New York; Joseph T. Patterson, attorney general for the state of Mississippi.

Thomas H. Stanley, chairman of board for Nehi Corporation, Columbus, Ga.; Truett Tristian Stubbs, vice-president, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. James L. Sullivan, Sunday School Board Executive Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.; and Dr. William Halley Willis, chairman, department of classical languages, University of Mississippi, Oxford.

East And Mize Named Officers

(By the Baptist Press)

Wade B. East, superintendent of Baptist Children's Home, Carmi, Ill., is new president of the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists.

The group is composed of administrators and other officers of orphanages and children's homes sponsored by various state Baptist groups throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Child Care Executives held their annual meeting in Biloxi.

J. Calvin Williams of New Orleans was guest speaker. For the last nine years, Williams has been general secretary of the New Orleans YMCA. He spoke on the theme "Meeting the challenges of today's children."

The Child Care Executives reported "Our institutions have a vital place in the denomination only because of their ministry and because they are the workshop for the denomination in carrying out the desires of the churches."

Other officers elected at the meeting were W. G. Mize, Jackson, Miss., vice-president, and Silas Bishop, Jacksonville, Fla., secretary-treasurer. Mize is superintendent of Mississippi Baptist Children's Village and Bishop of Baptist Home for Children, Jacksonville.

NEW YORK—Dean James A. Pike of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine here said he was "honored to be called" and will "accept the election" as Bishop Coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of California.

Sunday School And Training Union Attendance

February 16, 1958

Amory, First	333	115
Antioch (Rankin)	42	23
Batesville, First	388	148
Biloxi, Emmanuel	213	80
Brookhaven, First	828	338
Main	712	278
Southway	73	43
Halbert Hgts.	43	17
Bruce, First	282	68
Byram	203	111
Calhoun City, 1st	309	104
Center Hill (Desoto)	49	50
Charleston, First	257	78
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	502	161
Cleveland, First	429	146
Main	374	
Chinese Mission	45	
Clinton	547	310
Clinton Mission	77	42
Co'lins	153	96
Columbia, First	572	176
Columbus, First	883	274
Main	753	214
Fairview Mission	130	60
Cruger	37	17
Furrs (Pontotoc)	68	32
Greenville, First	889	296
Main	828	
Chinese Mission	61	
Greenville, Parkview	282	128
Greenwood, North	360	123
Grenada, Emmanuel	221	91
Gulfport, First	850	271
Hattiesburg:		
Immanuel	265	139
Main St.	957	411
Main	930	
Calvary Mission	4	
Main St. Mission	23	
38th Avenue	187	127
Hernando	140	62
Jackson:		
Highland	167	74
West Jackson	390	166
Broadmoor	467	169
Parkway	886	387
Ridgecrest	544	217
Calvary	1284	463
Main	1238	450
Mission	46	13
Van Winkle	586	269
Alta Vista	40	26
Northside	713	252
Crestwood	573	301
First	1266	394
Hillcrest	371	168
Dan. Memorial	918	401
Southside	216	124
Alta Wods	555	238
Kosciusko, First	535	140
Main	513	
Maple Mission	22	
Lambert, First	176	111
Main	153	92
Clear Creek Mission	23	19
Laurel, Highland	271	113
Laurel, Second Ave.	392	156
Liberty (Rankin)	58	25
Long Beach, First	268	59
Main	248	51
DeLisle Mission	20	8
McComb, Central	208	59
McComb, Locust St.	112	41
McComb, South	247	102
Mendenhall	317	121
Morton, First	218	77
Natchez, First	633	281
Newton, First	362	164
Pascagoula, First	666	214
Main	611	188
McArthur Chapel	45	26
E. Wash. Ave. Chap.	20	
Petal, Crestview	43	43
Petal, First	151	69

Thursday, February 20, 1958 THE BAPTIST RECORD



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bush were honored by their children with Open House at their home in Harrisville on January 12, celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Rev. M. P. Jones of Hazlehurst gave the invocation. The children of the couple include Rev. J. P. Bush of Union, Mrs. Inez Swafford, Jackson; Mrs. Earl Lee, Mt. Olive; Mrs. J. T. Carter of Jackson; and Mrs. W. G. Toland, Waco, Texas. There are 15 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



TO PREACH IN MARKS REVIVAL

Dr. Landrum Leavell, pastor of First Church, Gulfport, will be the evangelist at First Church, Marks, during their revival the first week in March. Dr. Ira D. Eavenson is pastor of the church.

Petal-Harvey	339	154
Main	293	110
Harvey Mission	46	44
Petal, Temple	159	79
Pleayune, First	579	142
Main	573	
Mission	6	
Pocahontas	22	

Potts Camp	52	31
Purvis, First	207	66
Ruleville	280	91
Ruth	58	52
Soso, First	140	76
Starkville, First	779	341
Tupelo, First	440	123
Tupelo, Hazlehurst	468	178
Union, First	305	97
West End (Winston)	60	46
Winona, First	365	105
Main	333	91
Mission	32	14

February 9, 1958

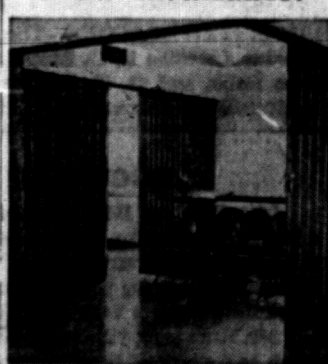
Aberdeen, First	367	114
Corinth, Tate St.	259	100
Greenville, First	958	298
Main	900	
Chinese Mission	58	
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	301	90
Laurel, West	398	125
Potts Camp	85	27
Providence (Attala)	30	25
Soso, First	130	70

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— THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Church At Worship

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell
For February 23.

THE CHURCH AT WORK.
Bible Texts: Mat. 18:18-19, 20; John 4:23,24; Acts 1:12-14; Colossians 3:16-17.

INTRODUCTION. The time spread over which the texts of our lessons extends is considerable, but the texts fit together as though cut to measure. The verses from Matthew's record consist of a pair of meaningful sentences spoken by our Lord and the closing words are from the fruitful pen of our dear Brother Paul, but there is no logical break in them as touching the subject of the lesson, "The Church at Worship."

I. THE PRESCRIPTION OF UNITY. "If two of you agree on earth" . . . "Where two or three are gathered together in my name." An earnest, godly, and very effective preacher friend of mine told me once that he had satisfied himself through unhappy necessity that God the Lord could send revival over initial indifference, if He could find one man in the congregation devoted to Him. By friend said he had seen revival come to a church where even the pastor was not at the beginning of the meeting himself interested in the meeting. An objector might have replied that the preacher speaking did not see the revival come before the pastor and others had become interested in the meeting, and I think I would murmur an amen.

At any rate the best insurance of a fervent worship service, a spiritual prayer meeting, or a season of revival, is this spirit of unity. Where and when the people of the Lord come together in one accord in Him, gather for His glory in His name, there He verifies His declaration, "There am I in the midst." The church that would learn to worship will necessarily learn this first. Have you, have I, learned it in our churches? I do not mean, can we blather it glibly, but have we learned it in the grand sense of doing it.

II. GENUINE WORSHIP OF THE SPIRIT GOD. "The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth." The true worshipper shall adore, shall seek to let the spirit of the Lord subdue and solemnize his heart until he bends in awe and wonder before the realization of the greatness and majesty of God. The worshipper shall adore the Father in spirit, not simply in formality as the Jews of His day did. They shall adore, worship God in truth, not

in falsity as the heathen do. "God is spirit."

This is a hard truth to comprehend. It is not easy for the average person, with little effort to conceive of somebody without a body. And yet this is so, hence this is a glorious truth. The fact that our heavenly Father is not confined to a body as you and I are, enables Him to be all places at once, here where you are now and yonder where your distant loved ones are and able to be of strength and comfort both and all.

III. THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE FIRST BELIEVERS WAITED FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE FATHER'S PROMISE. Returned they unto Jerusalem," as Jesus had commanded them to wait for what He had promised them. It is not said that He commanded them to pray, but He did command them to wait and, I think it might easily and correctly be inferred that they considered that the prayerful aim and action would be that most appropriate in which to spend the time of waiting.

Our brother Luke is at pains to tell us the names of a number of the faithful who were thus waiting, and that they were in accord both in their bodily presence and in the objects for which they made application. With one accord they prayed, with one accord they made supplication, that is they implored, they petitioned, they begged the Father for the things they wanted, or should I not have said, "For the thing they wanted," as in this case there was only one, the promise of the Father which their Lord Jesus had promised them.

IV. TO WHAT EXTENT THE WORD IS TO DWELL IN THEM, AND HOW THIS Dwelling is to be affected. "Let the word of the Lord dwell in you richly." May we not say "abundantly," overflowing. Repeat the blessed words, read them again and over, and above all, do them in actions appropriate as often as you shall have opportunity. This do ye for your own sake, and that not only, but in wisdom give the holy words residence in your soul and largely for the reason that the wide world needs the ministry, the healing balm, the girding strength of these words. We are encouraged and commanded to make out a singing religion, to go through our days making of all our Christian living a sort of praise to the Lord.

"Whatsoever ye do in word or

deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Do all in the name of Him, receive all, take all, as coming from Him, give thanks for all in the name of Him. Just there I find myself in need of His grace of patience. May He of His mercy continue to grant it.

(Lesson commentary based on "International Sunday School Lessons, the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.)

NEW YORK—Goal of the 1958 United Appeal of Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches for overseas relief and rehabilitation program has been set at \$10,428,000.



Oak Forest Breaks Ground

Ground-breaking ceremonies for their new building were held last Sunday by leaders at Oak Forest Church, Jackson.

In photo above can be seen most of the members of the building committee participating.

From left to right are: Dr. Bob Simmons, pastor; Carl Hill, Chairman; W. D. McLendon,

Tom Wood, John Quarrels, Bob Magee, and Chester Robinson. Committee members not shown are J. W. Bigner, Bill Dupree, Howard Smith, and Red Frank.

The building, designed by Charles Dean, will cost about \$80,000.

The auditorium will seat 400, with educational space to pro-

vide for 600. The church, constructed May 6, 1957, was begun as a mission, sponsored through the Hinds County Mission Committee, on May 6, 1956.

Six adult classes are meeting in the homes of members outside the church. Both Sunday School and worship services are held in two shifts each Sunday.

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - By Scheel

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STANFORD ENDS 5TH YEAR AS PELAHATCHIE PASTOR

Rev. J. F. Stanford completed his fifth year as pastor of the Pelahatchie Church on February 2. During the five years many improvements have been made and much progress has been experienced by the church.

There has been 164 additions to the church and the mission offerings have come from \$600 for the first year to a total given last month only of \$437.17. This is 30 percent of all gifts. The building has been completely finished with new furniture in the educational building, an electric organ; a church bus; a mission started and organized into a full time church; and

many other improvements to the physical building.

At the business meeting of the church last Sunday night, the church presented the Stanford family a check in the amount of \$100.00 as a graduation present since Rev. Stanford graduated from the New Orleans Seminary in January of this year.

Also, on last Sunday night the church voted to enter into a program of fully air conditioning the entire church building. This will be central heating and cooling system. The contract is with United Gas Corporation at a price of \$13,000.

The Essence Of Stewardship

By DAN MORTON

I. Cor. 4:2

In all the annals of history no greater examples of human faithfulness can be found than those that often obtained between a household servant and his master. Examples can be multiplied—both from the Bible and from the history of every country, including our own.



Many are the stories, moving and soul-stirring, of the faithfulness of the old Southern slaves—men and women who had nothing to give but humility and love and service. Their master's interests were their own; and often they would protect those interests at peril to their own lives.

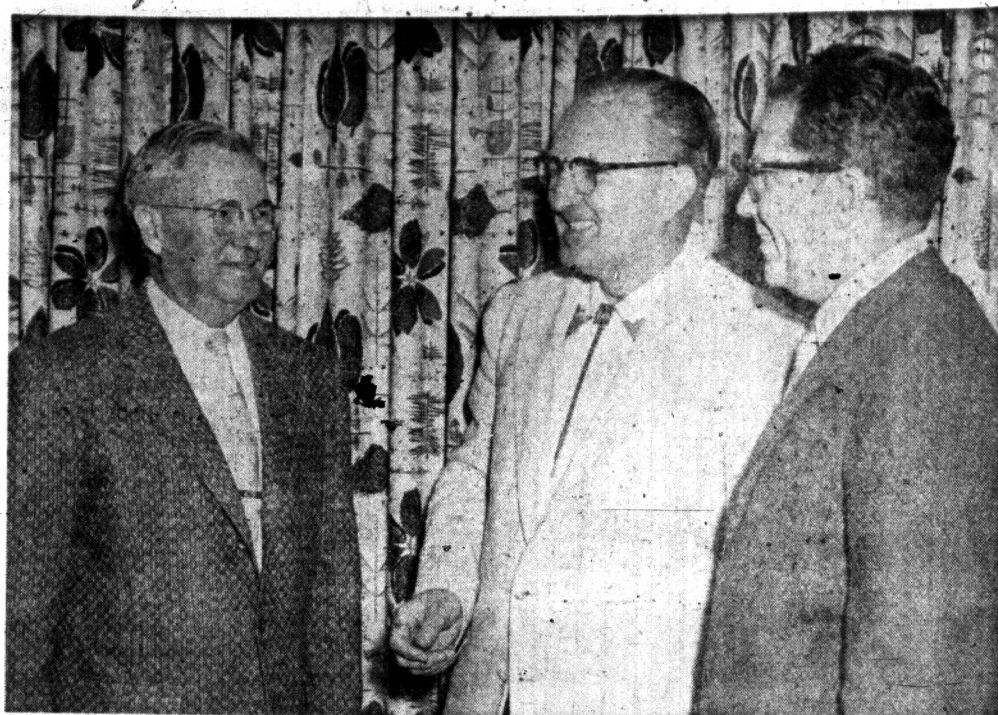
The humility, the self-forgetting love that prompted so many of them, is one of the best pictures we will ever find of that humble self-forgetfulness that should characterize every one of us in our service to Christ and His cause. No human has the right to enslave another life; but by every right the Lord Jesus Christ has a claim upon the Christian.

The household servants were known in Bible times. One was chosen for his faithfulness and his ability to serve as the "house-manger." The master entrusted his goods, his prosperity, the welfare of his family to this "house-manager." The term is translated in our English Bible as "Steward." It was required of the "house-manager" that he be found faithful in all his master's interests—his money, his name, his family, his prosperity.

And so it is in the Christian life. We are stewards of that which the Master has put into our possession. His money, His name, His family, the prospering of His cause in the earth. It is required that we be faithful. Knowing, as we do, what happened when a slave was not faithful, we are prone to think that because God does not immediately and harshly punish, that we can escape our responsibility. Let us remember that it is God's word that says "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." And, so being, we will one day hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



DR. JAMES T. McRAE, medical missionary to the Near East, discusses news from abroad with Miss Nadya Matalaka, Mississippi College freshman from Jordan, during a recent visit to the campus. Dr. McRae is presently on furlough and is doing special work at the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. A graduate of MC's Class of '41, Dr. McRae is originally from Enterprise, Miss.



STATE SECRETARIES SELECT OFFICERS—Albuquerque, N.M.—Dr. Harry P. Stagg, executive secretary, Baptist Convention of New Mexico, was elected president of the state secretaries at their recent annual meeting here. Elected as vice-president was Dr. Charles McKay, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, and named secretary was Dr. Robert E. Lee, executive secretary of Louisiana Baptists.

State Summer Worker Speaks

(Editor's Note: The following story was the best submitted by a worker from Mississippi in the Mission Story Contest for Student Summer Workers sponsored by the Office of Promotion, Home Mission Board, L. O. Griffith, director.)

By CHRIS C. ROOKE, Jr., Clinton, Miss.

My greatest experience as a summer missionary was the Bible School at Goshen, California. This school was sponsored by the First Southern Baptist Church of Visalia, California.

Goshen, a suburb of Visalia, has a population of about one thousand with four churches consisting of one Catholic and three Holiness.

Our school was to begin on Tuesday, and I was worried because of the lack of advertisement, but the pastor of the sponsoring church, Rev. R. L. Lindholm, was not uneasy, and I soon discovered why he was so confident. The pastor picked

me up Monday morning, and we went to Goshen. We visited the places where children were playing. We told them about Bible school. Many already knew Rev. Lindholm from previous schools. They asked anxiously, "Brother Lindholm, when are we going to have Vacation Bible School?" We told them to be present the next morning at 9:00 A. M. to begin school.

Should Quit Advertising

After we had stopped at several houses, the pastor said that we should quit advertising or we would have too many pupils. I was surprised, but I found out that he knew what he was talking about. We had five workers in the school and approximately sixty pupils. In addition to being principal of the school and general secretary, I taught twenty-five Junior pupils. Therefore, there was no real personal contact. We could have done much more if we had only had more workers. We couldn't afford to advertise be-

cause we didn't have enough workers to take care of a large group.

Goshen is a great field for a mission. First Southern Baptist Church of Visalia is planning for a mission there. Oh, that we had enough dedicated Christian workers to cope with such mission fields as Goshen, California. Let us pray that the workers' may be raised up from our midst by the grace of God.

18th Baptist Church in Taiwan

The Ching Mei Baptist church, near Taipei, Taiwan, was organized February 9 with more than 100 charter members. This is the 18th Baptist church constituted on the island and in the Taiwan Baptist Convention. Dr. Chow Lien Hua is pastor of the sponsoring church, and Dr. Y. K. Chang is president of the convention.



MANHATTAN DEACONS—The first Southern Baptist Church in New York City has elected the following deacons: E. G. Snipes, Don Duke, Clarence Massey, Dean Steppers, Jr., W. N. Duke, James Robb, and O. K. McCarter. Dr. Paul James (right end) is the pastor. The church was constituted on January 10, 1958. (Home Mission Board Photo)

Ambassador Life Photo Contest

The October, 1957 issue of Ambassador Life announced a Royal Ambassador photo contest. Edward Hurt, Jr., South-west Associate Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, states that thus far the results of the contest have been disappointing since a very few pictures have been submitted.

Mr. Hurt says, "We need pictures that are not stereotyped (such as a group of boys lined up in a row) but that have real human interest and tell a story."

"Of course, we are anxious to receive photographs of statewide activities (as well as pictures representative of Royal Ambassador activities at the chapter level.) These include congress and camp activities along with any others that have a story for other Royal Ambassadors and leaders over the Convention territory."

In Appreciation of Mrs. Armstrong

Whereas on the 3rd day of November, 1957, the Lord saw fit to call to her heavenly home, Mrs. L. H. Armstrong, one of the most beloved members of the First Baptist Church, Newton, and

Whereas the ultimate aim of the W. M. U. has been the furtherance of mission causes at all times, and

Whereas our friend and fellow worker, Mrs. Armstrong, devoted her time, talents, and personality to all these causes.

Be it resolved by the W. M. U. that we herewith express our love for her and deep apprecia-

tion for the years of service she rendered and our gratitude for the missionary vision with which she inspired our women and young people.

GIFTS TRIPLE

At Bethel Church in Pearl River County, gifts for the Little Moon Offering were more than triple the \$200 goal set by the W. M. U., Mrs. C. O. McNeese, president.

The total gifts to the Little Moon Offering amounted to \$604.00, the most ever given to this cause in the church's history. Gifts to the Baptist Orphanage also increased last year. Rev. Roy H. H. is the

In Memory Of Ralph L. Stroud

WHEREAS, our brother in Christ, Ralph L. Stroud, was suddenly taken by death and received home to be with the Loving-Heavenly Father on November 2, 1957; and

WHEREAS, he was a devoted Christian and faithfully served the Lord through the channels of the church in the capacity of deacon, Sunday School teacher, and Training Union director; and

WHEREAS, we realize a deep sense of loss and a vacancy that cannot soon be filled; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we pledge our prayerful concern and help to Mrs. Stroud and children in these days of adjustment; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That we rededicate ourselves to our Lord and to a more sacrificial service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Ralph Stroud, Mr. Ben D. Stroud, and The Baptist Record, and that a copy be kept on file by body of deacons of Highland Baptist church of Meridian.

Pastor and Rev. Jack Hullen is associate pastor.

Carey Building To Cost \$82,119

A. K. McInnis, Jr., contractor, will build the new science building at William Carey College at a cost of \$82,119. The low bidder including all accepted alternates was approved by the building committee of the Board of Trustees of the college at a meeting this morning at 10:30.

The second low bidder including all accepted alternates was White Construction Company of Hattiesburg. Others submitting bids were Oden Construction Co., W. J. Miley, Forrest K. Phillips and Southern Construction Company.

The science building, designed by Landry and Matthes, local architects, will be constructed of brick and masonry throughout, with steel roof framing, acoustical tile ceilings, and asphalt tile floors.

NEW BOOKS

(Available through your Baptist Book Store in Jackson; brief notations by Editor)

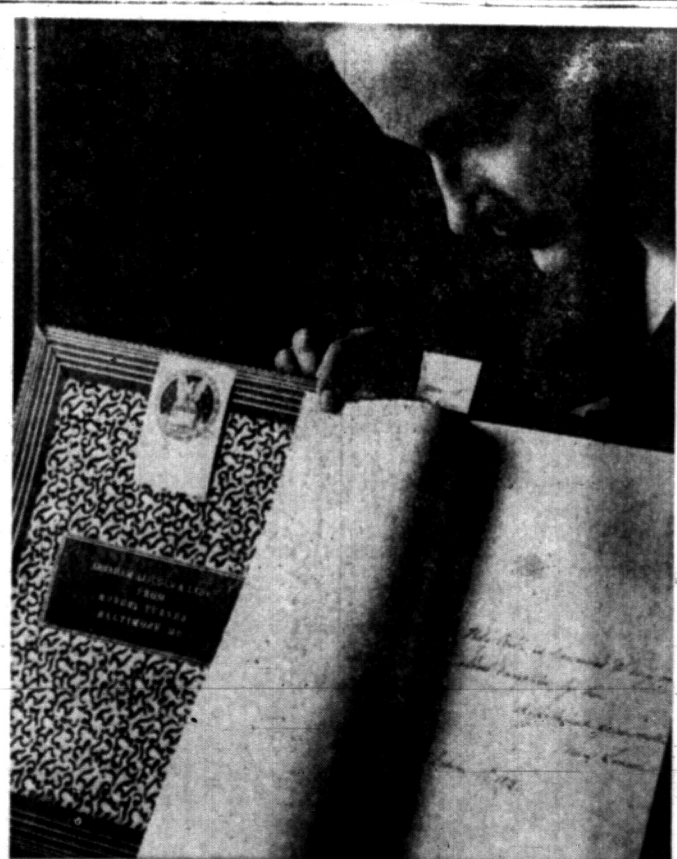
500 SELECTED SERMONS by T. De Witt Talmage (Baker, 406 pp., \$4.50) — Reprints from one of America's greatest preachers.

THE BIBLE AND THE HUMAN QUEST by Algernon Odell Steele (Philosophical Library, 240 pp., \$3.75) — A fresh and stimulating approach to the general teachings of the Bible.

GRACE FOR TODAY by William Gougeon (Baker, 114 pp., \$2.50) — A book for the sick and shut-in — by one of them.

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS by Gleason L. Archer, Jr. (Baker, 108 pp., \$1.50) — A paperback guide to the study of a difficult section of the Bible.

THE EPISTLES OF JOHN by Walter T. Conner (Broadman, 151 pp., \$2.50) — For thirty years one of the classic treatments of the Johannine writings! A reprint.



LIBRARY GETS LINCOLN BIBLE—Washington, D. C.—This 1854 Bible owned by Abraham Lincoln was donated to the Library of Congress here by Lincoln Isham of Dorset, Vt., his great-grandson. Shown looking at it is Miss Marvella Burris, administrative assistant at the library's Hispanic Foundation. The gift was made on the 149th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday and will be part of an exhibit of his mementos that the library will display in 1959 in connection with the Lincoln sesquicentennial observance. Bound in Victorian style, the Bible was published in Philadelphia by Lippincott, Grambo in 1854. It was evidently a gift to Lincoln from an admirer, for a leather label inside the front cover reads: Abraham Lincoln and Lady—From Robert Turner, Baltimore, Md. —(Religious News Service Photo).

THE BIBLE, Authorized Version illustrated with over 500 drawings by Horace Knowles, edited by John Stirling (Wm. Collins Sons and Co., 425 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York, \$3.00) — An excellent gift for the young reader.

BLUEPRINT FOR VICTORY by R. E. Milam (The Bison Press, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 335 pp., \$2.50) — An extensive collection of documents, quotations, and opinions by the executive secretary of the Oregon - Washington Baptist Convention on the organized life of the Southern Baptist Convention.

DREN FOR JESUS by Florence R. Kee, (Zondervan, 60 pp., \$5.00) — Tips for teachers of the small fry.

SERMON OUTLINES by C. L. McGinty (Fleming H. Revell, 80 pp., \$1.25) — A loose-leaf sermon-starter collection.

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAMS FOR EVERY MONTH by Ruth C. Ikerman (Abingdon, 128 pp., \$1.50) — 36 complete plans for women's groups.

AMERICAN CHURCHES AND THE NEGRO by W. D. Weatherford (Christopher, 310 pp., \$3.50) — A glossary of denominational "attitudes" toward the Negro in America.

Off The Record

Helen Koginson-type woman to author at party: "I've read your book, and I must say I've had some very interesting arguments with people who liked it." —Doris Matthews in The Saturday Evening Post.

Garage mechanic to car owner: "My advice is to keep the oil and change the car." —Hickey.

Used the secret of his power as a preacher, a Negro minister in Washington, D. C., declared, "It's simple. I reads myself full. I thinks myself clear. I prays myself hot. And then I lets go."

Rep. J. T. Rutherford (D-Tex.) reports that a constituent wrote: "If you cut the budget, send me my share."

Football coach, giving his team a pre-game pep talk: "Well, here we are unbeaten, untied and unscored upon—and getting ready for our first game." —Kirk Stiles in Collier's.

The only reason a great many American families don't own an elephant is that they have never been offered an elephant for a dollar down and easy weekly payments.

Little Mary was lying on her back on the nursery floor, singing a happy song. The next time her mother looked in on her, she was lying on her stomach, humming another melody.

"Playing a game, dear?" her mother asked.

"Yes," Mary replied. "I'm a phonograph record, and I just turned myself over." —McClary News.

At the side of the road a woman looked helplessly at a flat tire. A passerby stopped to help her. After the tire was changed, the woman said, "Let the jack down easy. My husband is sleeping in the back seat."